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Brian Hatano elected District Governor, Toastmasters International

He leads District 39 July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

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Brian Hatano, DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster), was elected District Governor at the annual business meeting of District 39 on May 17 in Reno, NV. District 39 encompasses Northern California and Northern Nevada from Vacaville to Reno, from Yreka to Manteca, and includes 178 clubs and more than 3,200 members.

As District Governor, his responsibilities include

- overseeing and managing the district's day-to-day operations, finances and human resources
- serving as the presiding officer at district council and district executive committee meetings
- appointing district leaders and committees
- preparing and submitting plans and reports to World Headquarters
- leading the district to success by helping clubs reach goals related to education, membership, and training

Mr. Hatano has been in Toastmasters since joining as a charter member of Super Marketers at Raley's corporate headquarters in 2001. He previously served at the district level as Chief Judge, Public Relations Officer, Lt. Governor Marketing, and this year as Lt. Governor Education and Training. He earned his DTM award—the highest award one can earn in Toastmasters—in 2008. He was awarded the district's annual Herb Yarbrough Award for sustained service in 2011.

A graduate of CSU Sacramento with a degree in journalism and a longtime employee of Raley's/Bel Air Markets in the project management office, Mr. Hatano served as club officer numerous times for his various clubs, as well as area governor and division governor, to prepare him for his latest officer role.

He is proud to serve as District 39's first Japanese-American District Governor since it founded in 1954.

His parents, Billy and Grace Hatano, as well as his wife of 27 years, Cindy, and their children Cirby and Bryson, are long-time active members of the Sacramento Buddhist Church. He serves on the church's Board of Trustees Executive Committee; his mother, Grace, is a ministers' assistant.

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About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in October 1924, the organization currently has more than 280,000 members in 13,500-plus clubs in 116 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps more than a quarter million people of every ethnicity, education level and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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